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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the final Office Action on the merits mailed December 19, 2006 ("the OA"), Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendment and consideration of the remarks set forth herein. A response to the Office Action is initially due March 19, 2007. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

This response is filed within two months of the mailing of the final Office Action, or before February 19, 2007, and therefore qualifies for expedited review.

Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 31 of this paper.

The following documents are enclosed herewith:

- Transmittal letter